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RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Richland City Hall ~ 625 Swift Boulevard

Zoom - Public Telephone Access: (206) 337-9723 or (253) 215-8782

Meeting ID No. 505 625 7380

City Council Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Alvarez called the Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was a hybrid of in-person and online attendance via Zoom.

Welcome and Roll Call

Mayor Alvarez welcomed those in the audience and expressed appreciation for their attendance.

Attendance: Mayor Alvarez, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, and Councilmembers Jones, Lemley and Richardson were present. Councilmembers Lukson and Kent were absent.

Also present were Acting City Manager/Public Works Director Rogalsky, Acting City Attorney Rio, Interim Chief of Police Clary, Fire Chief Huntington, Development Services Director Jensen, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Whitney, Finance Director Allen, Human Resources Director Paulsen and Acting Deputy City Clerk Fulton.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBERS LUKSON AND KENT. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Alvarez led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Presentations

1. New Hires & Retirements

A video featuring the new hires and one retirement for the month of March was played for the audience. Kevin Grumbling, Information Technology Manager, retired after eleven (11) years of service with the City of Richland.

Public Hearing

Acting Deputy City Clerk Fulton read the Public Hearing and Public Comments procedures.

2. Proposed 2022 Budget Amendment in the General Fund, City Streets, Park Reserve, Streets Capital Improvement, Capital Improvement, Fire Station Construction, Park Project Construction, Solid Waste, Stormwater, Medical Services and Equipment Replacement Funds, Ordinance No. 2022-09

Mayor Alvarez opened and closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. No public testimony was offered.

3. Proposed Relinquishment of Utility Easements at 1338 Sacramento Boulevard, Resolution No. 2022-53

Mayor Alvarez opened and closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. No public testimony was offered.

4. Proposed Relinquishment of Utility Easements at 101 Saint Street, Resolution No. 2022-54

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Public Comments

The following individual provided remote comments:

Heather Nicholson - 4717 Barbera Street, Richland, WA: Ms. Nicholson voiced support on behalf of the Badger Mountain South community for the planned 30-acre park and Fire Station 76 projects. Ms. Nicholson expressed appreciation to Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl and his team for a job well done in garnering public support and input on the proposed park. The Badger Mountain South community is excited for the planned development and is grateful to the City of Richland.

Consent Calendar

Acting Deputy City Clerk Fulton read the Consent Calendar.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PUBLISHED. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR ALVAREZ, MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN, AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, LEMLEY AND RICHARDSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Minutes

5. Approval of the March 15, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes and the March 22, 2022 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Ordinances - Second Reading & Passage

6. Ordinance No. 2022-04, Amending Chapter 9.16 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Noise
7. Ordinance No. 2022-10, Amending Chapter 17.56 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Sewer Rates and Charges
8. Ordinance No. 2022-11, Amending Title 18 of the Richland Municipal Code related to Water Rates
9. Ordinance No. 2022-13, Approving the Rezone of 9.4 Acres Located at 2500 Chester Road from Agriculture (AG) to General Business (C-3)

Resolutions – Adoption

10. Resolution No. 2022-30, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Benton for Street and Airport Maintenance Efforts
11. Resolution No. 2022-38, Authorizing Award of Bid to Big D's Construction of Tri-Cities, Inc. for the 2022 ADA Ramps Project
12. Resolution No. 2022-39, Authorizing Award of Bid to VSS International, Inc. for the 2022 Slurry Seal Project
13. Resolution No. 2022-40, Authorizing Award of Bid to VSS International, Inc. for the 2022 Microsurfacing Project
14. Resolution No. 2022-42, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Benton-Franklin Health District and Cities of Kennewick, Pasco and West Richland for Algal Bloom Screening Laboratory Services
15. Resolution No. 2022-43, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Parametrix, Inc. for the 2022 Environmental Monitoring at the Horn Rapids Landfill
16. Resolution No. 2022-44, Authorizing Award of Bid to Big D's Construction of Tri-Cities, Inc. for the Columbia Trail and Leslie Stormwater Treatment Retrofit Project
17. Resolution No. 2022-45, Waiving and Replacing Road Improvement Requirements for a Segment of Reata Road

18. Resolution No. 2022-46, Approving the Final Plat of Marcello Estates – Phase I
19. Resolution No. 2022-47, Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Applications for Infrastructure Development in North Horn Rapids
20. Resolution No. 2022-48, Authorizing an Agreement with TRIDEC for 2022 Marketing and Business Recruitment Services
21. Resolution No. 2022-49, Setting a Public Hearing Date to Consider the Proposed Annexation of 300.1 Acres in North Richland (U.S. Department of Energy)
22. Resolution No. 2022-50, Setting a Public Hearing Date to Consider the Proposed Annexation of Lots 1-8 of Badger Mountain Estates
23. Resolution No. 2022-51, Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Empower Dataworks, LLC
24. Resolution No. 2022-52, Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Lighthouse Energy Consulting, LLC

Items – Approval

25. Appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission: Harriet Dalton

Items of Business

26. Ordinance No. 2022-09, Amending the 2022 Budget in the General Fund, City Streets, Park Reserve, Streets Capital Improvement, Capital Improvement, Fire Station Construction, Park Project Construction, Solid Waste, Stormwater, Medical Services and Equipment Replacement Funds

Finance Director Allen presented on individual proposed amendments to the 2022 Budget as outlined in Ordinance No. 2022-09.

Councilmember Jones requested information on the railroad track owned by the City, including details related to any associated lease. Finance Director Allen deferred to Public Works Director Rogalsky for a response. Mr. Rogalsky provided the history of the two-mile section of railroad track owned by the City, including track use agreements with Burlington Northern and Union Pacific.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09, AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND, CITY STREETS, PARK RESERVE, STREETS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION, PARK PROJECT CONSTRUCTION, SOLID WASTE, STORMWATER, MEDICAL SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUNDS, FOR FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY. THOSE IN FAVOR: MAYOR ALVAREZ,

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN, AND COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, LEMLEY AND RICHARDSON. THOSE OPPOSED: NONE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

27. Resolution No. 2022-53, Relinquishing a Utility Easement at 1338 Sacramento Boulevard

Public Works Director Rogalsky provided an overview of the facts surrounding the proposed relinquishment. The easement is no longer needed for municipal purposes.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-53, RELINQUISHING A UTILITY EASEMENT AT 1338 SACRAMENTO BOULEVARD. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

28. Resolution No. 2022-54, Relinquishing Utility Easements at 101 Saint Street

Public Works Director Rogalsky provided an overview of the facts surrounding the proposed relinquishments. The easements are no longer needed for municipal purposes.

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-54, RELINQUISHING UTILITY EASEMENTS AT 101 SAINT STREET. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Reports and Comments

City Manager

Acting City Manager/Public Works Director Rogalsky announced that the City was recently presented with a Complete Streets award, including a \$450,000 grant for transportation infrastructure. The City was nominated for this award by the Washington State Department of Transportation.

City Council

Councilmember Lemley had no comments.

Councilmember Jones acknowledged and thanked Parks & Public Facilities staff responsible for maintaining the City's parks and park restrooms.

Councilmember Richardson had no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Christensen congratulated Public Works Director Rogalsky on receiving the Complete Streets award.

Mayor

Mayor Alvarez announced that he recently attended the annual employee breakfast and spoke positively of the event. Mayor Alvarez commented on City Manager Jon Amundson's event presentation and expressed confidence in the decision to appoint Mr. Amundson as City Manager, noting Mr. Amundson's passion for the City staff.

Next, Mayor Alvarez announced that he recently attended a Boy Scout fundraiser attended by General James Mattis and Robert Gates, former U.S. Secretary of Defense.

Adjournment

Mayor Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED:



Michael Alvarez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Toni Fulton, Acting Deputy City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: April 19, 2022

DATE PUBLISHED: April 20, 2022